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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants invite the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office to the reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. Applicants respectfully request that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

The reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited in a Japanese Office Action dated July 25, 2011 and issued in Japanese patent application No. 2007-502028, which is the Japanese national phase application that corresponds to the above-referenced U.S. national phase application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicants have not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicants submit herewith a copy of the foreign patent reference in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Applicants also enclose a copy of the English translation of the Japanese Office Action.

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Applicants submit that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98 and respectfully request the Examiner to consider the references listed on the attached PTO SB/08.

Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement before the issuance of a first substantive Office Action on the merits following the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4)). Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fees are required for entry and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement. Nevertheless, Applicants authorize the Director to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 60326US(49991).

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